Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Kenneth Gustav Peters was born on October 10, 1925, to Gustav and Lena (Gremmert) Peters at Delmont, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Kenny served during WWII from 1943 to 1945 in the Navy Air Corps, Pacific Theater, as a tail gunner on a PB4Y-2 bomber plane. As part of the crew of the "Outlaw", Ken and his fellow crewmates were awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and a host of other air medals during their service; and,

Whereas, Kenny married Evelyn Brown on August 20, 1949, and to this union five children were born, Sam, Mike, David, Debra, and Lori, who have blessed their lives by adding 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren to the family; and,

Whereas, Kenny's careers included working for the Chicago-Milwaukee Railroad as a depot agent, driving a gravel truck for his father, working at John Morrell, driving a fuel truck for Dan Dugan in the Sioux Falls area, and purchasing and operating a grocery store with his brother, Don. In 1957, he sold the grocery store and moved to the Ziegler family farm, which was Evelyn's birthplace, to begin farming. In 1966, Kenneth ran for Douglas County Treasurer and held this position for 33 years until he retired; and,

Whereas, Kenny has been a proud member of the American Legion Albrecht-Liab Post 149 for 66 years in Delmont, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Kenny will observe his 85th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2010, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State